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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON

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1. IF THEY ARE NOT ALREADY CERTAIN AND HAVE NOT REPORTED
IT, ADDRESSEES SHOULD INQUIRE DISCREETLY AS TO HOST GOVT
PLANS, (IF ANY) WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED ASIAN TRIP BY
FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON. THE POSITION OF THE USG REMAINS
AS STATED REFTTEL, NAMELY ONE OF NO OBJECTION TO VISIT
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WHICH NIXON'S AIDE COL. BRENNAN HAS DESCRIBED TO DEPT AS
PRIVATE, AND NO OBJECTION TO HIS REQUESTS TO MEET FOREIGN
GOVT OFFICIALS. OUR EMBASSIES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO
EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE, COORDINATING
CLOSELY WITH HOST GOVT.

2. THE ONLY COUNTRY ON WHICH WE HAVE RECENT, RELATIVELY

FIRM INFORMATION IS THE PHILIPPINES WHERE WE UNDERSTAND
PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS AGREED TO A NIXON VISIT SEPT 24-25.
WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON TRIP
THROUGH COL. BRENNAN BUT ANY INFO WHICH POSTS COULD
PROVIDE WOULD BE USEFUL.

3. IF DEPT IS ASKED AS TO USG POSITION ON POSSIBLE
NIXON TRIP WE WILL RESPOND WITH REMARKS ALONG LINES OF
PARA ONE ABOVE. POSTS MAY DO THE SAME IF ASKED, BUT
SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER COMMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME
PRESS STORIES ATTRIBUTED TO UNIDENTIFIED EMBASSY
OFFICIALS IN ASIA TO EFFECT THAT THEY DISAPPROVE OF
NIXON VISIT. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NOT CORRECT DESCRIPTION
OF USG POSITION.
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